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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/611,822	Applicant(s) BURKE, JAMES	
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 September 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: Response to Election/Restriction, filed on 9/6/2005. This action is non-final.

2. Claims 1 and 7 are pending in this application. Claim 1 is independent claim. In the Response to Election/Restriction, filed on 9/6/2005, claims 1 and 7 (Group I) were elected.

This application has provisional application 60/394,192 filed 7/2/2002.

3. The present title of the invention is "Layered and vectored graphical user interface to a knowledge and relationship rich data source" as filed originally.

Election/Restrictions

4. Claims 2-6 and 8-9 were withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected Group II and III, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on 9/6/2005.

5. Applicant's election with traverse of Group I in the reply filed on 6/28/2005 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that a single prior art could be used to reject all independent claims. This is not found persuasive because different group requires different subclass search.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 1 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Britvec (4,646,504).

As per claim 1, A graphical user interface (GUI), the GUI comprising:

a plurality of nested spherical surfaces (Figure 8; "The inner- and outer-layer members lie on two concentric spheres which are bounded by four arches", column 20, line 58-60);

a plurality of nodes, the plurality of nodes comprising a first node and a second node, and each node associated with a location on at least one of the plurality of spherical surfaces (Figure 8 shows a plurality of nodes on a plurality of surfaces); and

a plurality of lines, at least one line having a first endpoint associated with the first node and a second endpoint associated with the second node (Figure 8 shows a plurality of lines connecting a plurality of nodes).

8. As per claim 7, Britved demonstrated all the elements as disclosed in the rejected claims 1, and further discloses more than one lines can be associated with a first node and a second node (Figure 8 shows more than one lines connected to each nodes).

Response to Arguments

9. Applicant's arguments, see Amendment, filed 2/15/2005, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1 under Hugh have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Britvec (4,646,504).

Conclusion

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.


Inquiries

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ryan R Yang whose telephone number is (571) 272-7666. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Razavi can be reached on (571) 272-7664. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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